

REMARKSAmendments

As indicated above, claim 4 has been amended to reflect the amendment intended by Applicants, and has basis in original claim 4 (which indicated that at least one of the band segments had a thickness that varies along its length).

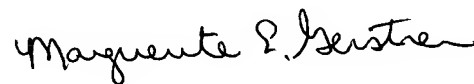
Applicants believe that this amendment does not affect the scope of the claims in any way and therefore does not require an extensive review of the specification or an additional search. The amendment was not previously presented because it became apparent to the undersigned only upon review of the specification and the Examiner's Amendment prior to payment of the issue fee.

Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for this amendment. If this is incorrect, please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0560.

Conclusion

If there are any outstanding issues which can be usefully discussed by telephone, the Examiner is asked to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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